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203 Hawthorne Avenue
Larkspur, Marin County, California

September 12, 1963

President John F. Kennedy
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The United States is participating in, paying for, and supporting, a regime in Vietnam that is the very antithesis of what this country is supposed to stand for in the world - namely, democracy and personal liberty in speech and religion.

The atrocities that are being committed in South Vietnam by the Diem government are actually condoned by the American government, since no steps are being taken to replace the Diem family. There must be very competent people who could govern Vietnam, but apparently they are all in jail and unable to reach American ears.

As American taxpayers, who are being forced to subsidize the crimes being perpetrated against the Vietnamese people, we wish to register this strong protest. We wish the American Government to withdraw financial aid and personnel from the Diem government, and attempt to recompense the Vietnamese people by helping to institute a different government that will reflect the people's choice, and give them what they want.

If America is in Vietnam in order to build a bulwark against encroaching Communism, then this situation must be considered a chaotic failure. This lesson may be learned - that the best defense against Communism, and the only defense, is a free, untrammelled society, whose government dispenses justice and morality.

Yours sincerely,

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